



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois  
3 learned with regret of the death of Thelma Whittington of  
4 Benton on October 9, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, She was born on October 21, 1909 in the Frisco  
6 area of Northern Township in Franklin County, the daughter of  
7 John Ewing and Lavina McKenny Clinton; she married Herman Bruce  
8 Whittington; he preceded her in death on August 25, 1971; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Whittington began her career of more than 37  
10 years as a school teacher in a one-room schoolhouse; she was  
11 affectionately known to her pupils and many others as "Miss  
12 Thelma"; and

13 WHEREAS, She was a devoted member of North Benton Baptist  
14 Church where she was an active participant in the JOY group and  
15 played piano for seniors; she set an example for young and old  
16 alike with her faithful church attendance; and

17 WHEREAS, The passing of Thelma Whittington has been deeply  
18 felt by many, especially her sister, Evelyn Beasley; her  
19 special friend and caregiver, Shirley Martin; and numerous  
20 nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and friends;  
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
24 Thelma Whittington, and we extend our sincere condolences to  
25 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
28 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest  
29 sympathy.